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German Colonists in Kentucky.

The London (Ky.) Leader, writing of the colonies that have been planted in Kentucky by reason of the untiring energy of Mr. John R. Proctor, the State Geologist and Commissioner of Immigration, says:

Strassburg is the name of a German settlement extending from one mile south of London some four miles along the Whitley road, and consisting now of twenty-one families mostly out of Southern Germany—Baden, Alsace—and from Switzerland. Their purpose is the growing of fruits, wines, vegetables, grass and cattle. Nearly all the men are tradesmen, such as lock-smiths, joiners, carpenters, masons, stone cutters, wagon makers, millers, bakers, butchers, tanners, boot and shoe makers, etc. The settlement was begun in the spring of 1882 by Charles Hanser, from Friesburg, Baden. The colonists own, altogether, 1,988 acres of land, mostly improved farms from 30 to 150 acres, for which they paid an average of \$8 an acre, mainly cash. They are an energetic, industrious and intelligent people and many of our people would do well to pattern after their thrift. Mr. Hanser has promised to give us in detail at some future time their methods in farming and manner of living and we promise our readers something in the recital, as Mr. Hanser is far above the average in point of intelligence and education.

Referring to the above paragraph we ask why we cannot induce such colonists to settle in Lawrence county. The object of these Germans is to raise vegetables, grain, grass and cattle, and to produce wine from such grapes as can be grown in Kentucky. There are thousands of acres of land in this county as well adapted to this business as any in the State, and these lands can be bought cheap. In our opinion colonists can be induced to settle here, and the idea is worth the attention of men of means who wish to do some practical good for the county, and at the same time make money for themselves.

PAIN AND ITS RELIEF.

How the Blues and Megrimms May Be Put to Flight.

Pain being the result of too much blood in a part, as a very general rule, the remedy, in severe and pressing cases, is to apply a mustard plaster near that part, which draws the blood away, as is seen by the reddening of the skin.

The most agonizing pains are often removed in the twinkling of an eye by dipping a bit of cloth (woolen, flannel or cotton) in a mixture of equal parts of sweet oil, chloroform and strong spirits of hartshorn just shaken together and spread over the spot with a handkerchief, wadded in the hand and held over the cloth so as to retain the more volatile ingredients; to be removed the moment the pain ceases.

The safest and most comfortable application in nature for the relief of all pain, especially that arising from inflammation, is a woolen cloth kept very warm, even hot, by the steady addition of hot water, or a stream of warm water, where the painful part admits it. When pain is severe, sharp or thrilling, there is inflammation, and it arises from there being too much blood in the arteries; if dull and heavy, it is caused from their being too much blood in the veins.

The pain of inflammation gives heat; hence, headache with a hot head is from too much blood in the arteries, and there is the strong draw-away by putting the feet in very hot water; this often removes pain in any part of the body above the ankles.

When there is too much blood in the veins of the head there is a dull pain or great depression of spirits, and the feet are always cold. It is the excess of blood in the veins of the head or brain which always induces the despondency which frequently causes suicide. When this is attempted by cutting the throat the relief is instantaneous and the victim becomes anxious for the life he had just attempted to destroy. Hence, a good out-door walk or a hot bath, a sudden fit of laughing or a terrible burst of passion, by dispersing the blood to the surface from the centers, puts the blues and megrimms to flight also. —*Hall's Journal of Health.*

—The average crop of wheat in the United States and Canada alone would give one person in twenty of the population of the globe a barrel of flour in each year, with enough to spare for seed. —*N. Y. Sun.*

—Irregular eating at restaurants is becoming a fruitful source of dyspepsia in our city, according to an eminent writer on hygiene. —*Chicago Herald.*

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LACE AS AN HEIRLOOM.

Frugal Dutch and Belgian Housewives Whose Greatest Treasure Is Lace.

Lace in quantity is never seen in the street in Antwerp, unless it is worn by English or Americans; for no Antwerp lady would wear her rich lace in the street, or allow herself to appear in a cheap imitation. These rules still hold good, though there is less rigidity than formerly, and young girls wear contrasts and their mamma's designs in form and fabric which they would not have dreamed of ten years ago. The domestic and social habits, however, hold good, and are maintained as a matter of pride by the genuine ladies of Antwerp. One of these was only a child and would naturally have inherited a magnificent collection of lace, gathered and inherited by her mother. But she was not inclined to work with the needle and rebelled against the necessary conditions imposed, of learning how to mend and actually make lace, so as to be able to keep it in perfect condition. Her mother did not force her, but simply told her that the lace in the case would never be hers, but would be left to some member of the family able and willing to "entertain" and care for it. This threat was sufficient to induce the young lady to fulfill her mother's wishes, and she is now not only the possessor of one of the finest private collections of lace in Antwerp, both modern and antique, but can repair any of it so that it is exactly the same as before. The lady recently papered and painted two rooms with her own hands, at a cost of fifteen francs for materials, because business being dull, she did not wish to subject her husband to the cost of a house painter and decorator, who had estimated the work and material at two hundred and twenty-five francs. —*Antwerp Cor. Albany Arg.*

—A New York paper says: "An old lady of Wilton, Conn., has passed her 103d year. She is bright and sensible, except for a single delusion about her age. She kept the record straight until she became 102, when she insisted that she was 200 years old, though she admitted that the last one hundred years didn't seem nearly as long as the first hundred. Since her last birthday she has called herself 700 years old. The old lady recently said to her grandson: 'I feel sorry for the sexton, because if I do not die soon he will have to ring 400 times.'"

Toronto Globe: It is only when a man is absolutely alone and in a wilderness that he may do as he pleases.

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W. R. Kitchen has been appointed postmaster at Willard.

In the absence of other topics the preachers of Louisville are discussing the question, Can a Jew be saved? We join the debate by asking, why not?

The big ship-yard of John Roach has resumed operations. Three hundred men will be employed, and they will be on the pay roll and under the control of the Government.

The President has appointed Thursday, Nov. 26th, a day for general thanksgiving and prayer. As New York and Virginia have gone Democratic we'll certainly celebrate the day.

Secretary Bayard has appointed his son, James A., Secretary of the Territory of Arizona. He is a young man, only about twenty-four years of age, and has been a school teacher.

Secretary Bayard is in love with the New York election law, and commends it to other states. He forgets how we waited a year ago for the returns from New York, and how great the suspense was for more than a week.

The Henderson bar celebrated the closing of a term of the Circuit Court by a banquet and libations of champagne and beer. The lawyers must have thought they were celebrating the adjournment of the State Legislature.

The Kentucky Democrat Printing Company has been organized. The corporation is to last 25 years from November 1885 unless sooner dissolved.

The North, Central and South American Exposition at New Orleans was formally opened Tuesday, Nov. 10th. Twenty-two States and Territories have made complete exhibits, and the exhibits from foreign countries is large and extremely interesting.

Alf Little, the famous Breathitt county terror, has come to grief at last. He has been found guilty on twenty counts in the United States Court at Louisville, and if the Judge gives him the extent of the law his sentence will be two hundred and eighty-six years in the penitentiary. It is rather a sad commentary on Kentucky laws, that they were powerless to punish this desperado.

The citizens of Pike county in a long "whereas" endorse the "acts and doings" of George N. Brown as Circuit Judge, and "pledge him our hearty support should he become a candidate again for the same office," and in the same breath say they do not want this "resolution" to be construed as militating against the claims or aspirations of Hon. O. C. Bowles.

Virginia is sure of electing a Democrat to succeed Mahone in the United States Senate, but it is by no means certain who his successor will be. Daniels and Barbour, both Representatives, are anxious to be transferred to the other end of the Capitol, and both will have a strong following in the Virginia Legislature. If the contest waxes warm it is possible that a dark horse, not now named, may secure the prize. Anybody, Lord, so it is not William Mahone.

John E. McCullough, a noted actor, died at his home in Pennsylvania last Sunday. He began life as a day laborer, but before his untimely death he had reached the topmost round on the ladder of histrionic fame. Liquor killed him.

The Ashland correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal writes to that paper of our oil men as if they were conducting their operations secretly. Nothing could be further from the truth. They have nothing to "divulge". All their work is done openly, and they invite inspection. They give all the information asked for and conceal nothing. All that is done is for the purpose of seeing what there is in the field and to make what money is possible by development.

Auditor of State Kiesewetter and W. J. Elliott, editor of the State Capital, had a shooting match in the lobby of the Neil House last Sunday night. This was not in Kentucky, but in Ohio. If the fracas had occurred in this state what a holy howl would have gone up throughout the North! And if it had occurred in Eastern Kentucky, how the Blue Grass editors would have damned us with headlines of the most glaring type and the most mendacious character! Let us return thanks.

If the next Legislature can spare time enough from enacting laws declaring certain brooks and creeks are navigable, to pay some attention to general legislation, the honorable body can do much towards preserving the purity of the ballot by passing a law looking to the prevention of bribery. The present statute, which simply takes up so much space in our books is a joke. It requires the evidence of two witnesses, or one witness with strong corroborative testimony, to make a case. In our judgment such a law simply opens wide the avenues leading to bribery and corruption, by saying just how the voter may be bought and both he and the purchaser escape punishment. "Here, Bill, you vote for the Honorable Sam Saphead for Congress, and I'll give you a dollar; but when I give you the money just be careful that nobody sees us, and it will be all right". This is the way the thing is managed, and this is the way the ballot is corrupted, and often the will of the people thwarted. It is

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By mistake the article on page two marked "continued on next page" is concluded on page four.

Next Monday is County Court day.

Considerable timber went out on this rise.

Em Prater, colored, died in Louisa Tuesday.

John B. Bromley, of Catlettsburg was visiting among us recently.

Police Judge Wallace has been very busy during the past few days.

Born, Thursday, Nov. 12th, to Rev. S. F. McClung and wife, a boy.

Since our last the river has taken another rise, and the boats are all out.

Happy John Goff, of Big Creek, is cracking jokes with friends in Louisa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Damron, of Catlettsburg, were visiting in this vicinity this week.

Harry Burgess and Biddy Lackey, two well known colored people, were married last Monday.

The Frank Preston ran into a tree below Paintsville a few days ago and was badly damaged.

Last Sunday twenty-two colored people were baptized in the river. Some were Methodists and some Baptists.

Dr. Cease, our dentist, has returned to Louisa after an absence of some months. He has opened an office in the old hotel building.

Mrs. Pierson was so unlucky as to fall at the Rink the other afternoon and sprain her ankle. We hope the injury will not prove serious.

The Mountain Girl, with a circus on board, collided with the James W. Gaff, below Cincinnati, and the circus went to the bottom. Two lives were lost.

Gen. Don Carlos Buell has been appointed Pension Agent for Kentucky, vice R. M. Kelly, whose resignation has been accepted, to take effect December, 31.

It is said that next Tuesday, Nov. 17th, the well at the Mouth of Blaine will be "shot" with nitroglycerine. The occasion will amply repay the trouble of a visit.

Jerry Holly, a colored vagrant, was sold by Sheriff Lackey at the Court House door last Saturday. He brought the magnificent sum of \$1.75. Jailer Berry was the purchaser.

Revs. Jolly, of Catlettsburg, and Nunnely, of Sharpsburg, will begin a protracted meeting in Louisa next Tuesday night, Nov. 17th. These gentlemen are of the Baptist church, and are said to be excellent preachers.

If you want to see the prettiest bonnets, hats, flowers, ribbons and other articles of feminine head-gear you ever saw in your life, call at Mrs. Marion's, in the old hotel building. Just received and cheaper than ever.

We resume this week the publication of the thrilling story entitled Driven from Sea to Sea. We do this at the request of numerous readers of the News who became interested in the story before when we changed our form.

George N. Butcher, General Traveling Agent for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, was in Louisa Tuesday and gave this office a call. George is one of the best fellows living, and any person who wants to go East or West will do well to write to him at Ashland for rates.

We hope that during the coming protracted meeting we shall have no occasion to speak of the behavior of the congregation in any other than words of praise. We inferred from the tone of our Boyd county contemporaries that the conduct of some churches audiences in that section was far from good. Nothing shows the good or bad breeding of

a man or woman quicker than his or her deportment in the house of God. We have seen and heard things in Louisa churches which were better adapted to the parlor or the street corner. Even some members might take profitably a few lessons in decorum.

Commissioner's Sale.

Greenville Lackey, Plff vs A. P. Hawes & Co Defts. Com Sale

By virtue of a Judgement and order of sale in the above styled cause made and entered at the Feb'y term 1885 of the Lawrence Circuit Court. I will on Monday, Nov. 16th 1885 (it being County Court day), at the front door of the Court House, in Louisa Ky, offer for sale to the highest bidder, the full wing tract or parcel of land situated in Lawrence county Ky, upon the Hawes br'ch of Georges Creek, being the home farm of A. P. Hawes. The same land purchased by said Hawes of J. A. Miller which is bounded by and adjoining the lands of John Hayes and John Searberry. I will sell the whole or a sufficient quantity of said tract to produce \$— being the amount of Plff's debt Interest and cost.

Sale will be made on a credit of Nine months, all will be retained upon the land sold to secure the payment of the purchase money. The purchaser will also be required to give bond with good personal security. F. T. D. WALLACE Special Com. L. C. C.

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not our intention in this short article to preach a sermon on the evils of bribery in securing votes. Nor do we intend to try to convince the managers and wire-pullers that by bribery and corruption they sap the foundation of our liberties as a free people. These truths are self-evident. But we do wish as earnestly as possible, to call the attention of our law makers to the necessity of putting a stop, if possible, to the evil spoken of. One of the worst things connected with the buying of votes is the fact that it makes it impossible for a candidate of limited financial ability to successfully compete with a rich and unscrupulous opponent. The poor man may be infinitely the better man of the two, and, indeed, may be really the choice of the people, but the almighty dollar is potent, and Money bags is elected. This fact alone, aside from the demoralizing influences of the practice, should induce our legislators to stop the work of buying and selling votes. It can be done, but not by the law as it now stands. There is no reason why it should require more to convict for this offense than for any other, unless it be for the reason alluded to—to open a way for the successful accomplishment of the purchase and sale.

The Representative or Senator who introduces and carries through a bill which will effectually stop all bribery in the securing of votes will make for himself an enviable name in his State.

AGENTS WANTED!

Persons out of employment or those who are making less than \$25.00 per week, will find it to their interest to write to me. I desire a good, active agent in every township in the state to sell the beautiful photo-lithographic engraving of Cleveland, Hendricks and Cabinet; size 20 x 30 inches.

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EDMUND'S BRANCH.

Editors News:—As I have not seen our section represented in any paper for some time, and as the News is fast growing in popularity in this part of the country, I desire to see something in its columns from here.

Mr. Henry Kelley, after an absence of nineteen years has returned with his family from Washington Territory.

Died, on the 30th ult., Lizzie Poe. She leaves quite a circle of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

The public school is doing well under the skillful management of Mr. Hammond of Cassville; and the whooping cough is acting its part well among the children.

Joel and Nathaniel Kelly are making and delivering a lot of hickory spokes to Fuller's station, for Jehu Williams.

Mrs. Francis Marcum is dangerously ill at this writing. PAPA'S BOY.

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We Must Educate.

Subscribers of the Big Sandy News: As you have not heard from me in some time I will attempt to write a few thoughts concerning parents and others. As I am constantly thinking of the bright talented young men of our country, how they are fast becoming enrolled on the list with the careless ones, for Education is on the road to the highest pinnacles of fame, and I rejoice to see that great builder spread and float from state to state and from continent to continent, like unto a winged eagle and carry the news and happiness to the benighted millions. There are so many that do not take an interest in the welfare of their children, Oh! parents listen to your bright eyed boy or girl crying for help as it were, but too late—too late, yes it is to late says one when he is weighed down with years, and his head blossoming for the grave, it is too late to ponder over the past, that was spent in idleness and folly.

Yes, parents, there will be stars erased from your crowns in glory, for your vile treatment toward your children when you had an opportunity to enlighten their young and tender minds, when perhaps if they had been duly cared for they would have stood on the topmost round of life, but in stead of that be cast from society and looked upon as sluggards and perhaps fill a drunkards grave, and still you will say I can't do without my children's work, or I'm too poor. Parents,

that is no excuse whatever. Educate your children, and they will be able to administer unto your wants when you become old and helpless. Heed my warnings, parents, for it is right to educate to your children.

I would be pleased to hear from some of my fellow teachers on this subject.

CLELL SPENCER.

Charley, Ky.

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PROSPECTUS.

During the past few months the demand for THE POST has greatly increased in the country, its popularity being particularly marked in the interior of Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana. Some difficulty has been presented, however, because it could not reach remote sections as soon after publication as was desired, owing to the existing regulations that control the movement of trains, while in other sections it has enjoyed advantages over the morning papers in this respect, and we have been enabled to furnish a portion of our subscribers with the latest news from twelve to fifteen hours in advance of our contemporaries. In order to meet the difficulty suggested we have determined to issue a SEMI-WEEKLY edition, which will contain carefully selected news matter, full and accurate reports of the markets and other feature, which can not fail to render it attractive and almost indispensable to the farmers, merchants and to the general reader of the interior. We are enabled, too, to furnish this interesting edition to subscribers in any part of the country for only

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Or, JUST A CAMPIN'.

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CHAPTER XXIV.—CONTINUED

And they had good neighbors, which added much to the pleasantness of their surroundings, for though never content to be separate from each other, even for a day, our young friends enjoyed having their acquaintances drop in on them, and often visited among their neighbors, spending the evening or Sunday afternoon.

They heard regularly from Lucy's parents, and quite frequently from Jennie and her husband, who were still in Chicago and doing well. At least Ensign had steady employment, and they were comfortable and happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons had now fully decided to sell their home on the mountain at the first opportunity, and move to the Slough, their out-of-the-way location, none operating against the ready sale of the place.

Meantime Erastus and Lucy worked on.

The size of orchard and vineyard was increased by the planting of other trees and vines. Rose bushes were set out at the corners of the porch and beneath the windows, and evergreens and flowering shrubs in the front yard.

The main irrigating ditch having been completed the year before, the work of carrying the water wherever needed, by means of small side ditches, was comparatively easy and rapid, so that some pretty broad fields of grain and grass were beginning to stretch away on every side of their cottage.

But now came a terrible rumor.

It was told doubtfully at first, as something that could hardly be possible—that a railroad company laid claim to the lands about the Slough, and would compel payment of the present market value, all improvements included, or evict the homesteaders from possession.

The settlers generally laughed at the tale, as being started by some one for the purpose of giving them a fright.

"What!" they said, "the railroad company claim our lands! Why, the land was absolutely valueless, thought not to be worth paying taxes on, until we irrigated it and built houses and put out orchards and vineyards."

"Besides, the land grant by Congress was made to a company whose charter fixed the line of their road more than a hundred miles away, on the other side of a range of mountains; and even this grant the company has forfeited long ago, the time in which the road was to be built in order to obtain the land having expired two years since, and the road is not built yet."

It seemed absurd for anybody to talk about a railroad company having a claim to their lands, when they had redeemed them from the desert, and were almost ready to prove up on them under the Homestead and Pre-emption

LAWS.

Yet there were those who were less easily disarmed of fear.

They knew that in Iowa a railroad company had dispossessed settlers who had actually proved up and received deeds to their homes from the Government.

There were those among them, too, who had suffered from the overflow of hydraulic mines, others from the Suscol Ranch, and yet others who had suffered from encroachments of corporations in other States and other portions of this State, and these were prepared to believe that nothing was too preposterous for the railroad company to claim, if its officers thought there was the remotest chance of enforcing it, either by fair means or foul.

When Erastus Hemmingway heard the rumor his heart sunk, for he had seen too much of the heartlessness and greed of corporations not to fear the worst, and he at once took steps to ascertain the truth.

He wrote to the headquarters of the company, repeating what he had heard, and asking if there was any truth in the statement that the company professed to have any claim to the land in the vicinity of the Slough.

In reply he received a letter and also a circular.

The letter was signed by the President of the railroad company, and was to the effect that the company hoped to be allowed the original grant of lands made by Congress in aid of the road, but the boundaries of the grant had not been determined, and probably would not be for some time.

Meanwhile, the letter went on to say, the settlers could be assured that in no case should they be the losers, as, if it should eventually be determined that the land which they occupied was within the limits of the grant to the road, the company pledged itself to transfer it to the occupants on payment of the Government price, and attention was called to the accompanying circular, copies of which, the letter said, were being issued and distributed all over the State for the purpose of inducing people to take up land at the Slough. This circular also contained a pledge that if found to be within the grant of Congress to the road, the company would transfer the land to whoever had improved it, immediately on payment of the Government price.

This letter, taken in connection with the circulars which were scattered freely among the settlers, if it did not remove all feeling of fear from the minds of Erastus and a few others, did serve to allay the general alarm, which was before on the increase, and improvements went on as usual.

The circulars of the company sent to other portions of the State had the desired effect, and very soon other families began to come in in considerable numbers, all taking up claims and relying upon the printed pledges of the company that in no case should the land cost more than the price asked by Government for wild lands.

It was a happy day.

And now those who came first to the Slough began to reap abundantly of the fruit of their labor and perseverance.

The work of turning a veritable desert into a garden had been accomplished

It had been done, too, without capital, and by men who were forced to support themselves and their families while the transformation was being made.

Orchards and vineyards were loaded with fruit. Oranges and apples, peaches, plums, alicots, pears, pine-apples, lemon, pomegranates, nectarines—all the semi-tropical fruit, and some which grow nowhere else outside of the tropics themselves, were to be found in full bearing upon the irrigated lands of the settlers at Mussel Slough.

Green fields grew broader and greener. Little flocks and herds of cattle and sheep were to be seen feeding on the rich vegetation which came with the water that overspread the land from the system of irrigating ditches; and as the result of all this, new and pretty cottages were taking the place of the wretched huts in which nearly all had been forced to live during the first years of their residence; and it was in the midst of this prosperity, when want had been banished by years of patient, persevering toil, and they were rejoicing over troubles past, and the thought that for the rest of their days they could take life easy, that the stroke came which turned all their joy into mourning, and changed the current of their blood from the peaceful flow of quiet, happy hearts to a seething flood in hearts made hot with fear and hatred.

This was no rumor from an unknown source that reached their ears, awaking doubt in some and ridicule in others. It was not the faint murmuring of a distant storm that might never reach them, but the sudden rush of the whirlwind; the flash of the lightning, the falling of the thunderbolt from a sunny sky. It came as a notice from the railroad company to each settler, informing him that he was trespassing on the lands of the company, and must immediately vacate, unless he was prepared to pay the value of the lands occupied by him, which had been carefully appraised, so the notice read, by competent judges, whose estimate of the value of each quarter-section accompanied the notice.

This appraisal ranged from ten to thirty-five dollars per acre; that of Erastus Hemmingway being thirty dollars per acre, or a total of four thousand eight hundred dollars, which he was asked to pay to the railroad company for the land he had redeemed from the desert or failing therein was ordered to at once vacate the premises.

The excitement which the receipt of these notices caused can be imagined.

Torments of vengeance upon the officers of the company were both loud and frequent, and had they been present, there is no question as to what their fate would have been. Death in some form would unquestionably have been meted out to them.

But they were careful not to be present.

They had deliberately laid, and were now executing, a plan to rob these people of their homes, and they were too cunning to come within reach of their victims while the first hot flush of righteous anger was upon them.

With the power which their immense wealth, the gift of Congress, gave them, they did not fear the courts or the State.

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authorities.

They already controlled these, and were prepared to be beaten or threaten, as they deemed most likely to accomplish their end. Any official who stood in the way of their plans for wholesale robbery.

The leaders in the plot stood high in social and political circles.

The settlers had small means of making the outrage upon their rights known, and their cause was, indeed, desperate, and it is small wonder, when in every dwelling at the Slough were women whose eyes were red with weeping, that there should be men whose lips uttered curses, and whose muscles twitched with eagerness to lay hand upon the authors of their woe.

Only a few days before the notices to pay or vacate reached the settlers, Erastus and Lucy had received a letter from Mrs. Parsons saying that they had at last found a probable purchaser for their place.

They would know in a few days, she wrote, and if they sold they should pack up and start for the Slough at once, as they did not wish, even if the purchaser of the property would permit, to remain on the mountain through the winter. It would seem more lonely than ever when the place was no longer their own.

The only thing that would delay their coming, if they sold, was Johnny's health.

The boy had not been as well as common the past summer, and had been quite sick recently, but was getting better now, and she thought would be able to be moved, and if they sold she would take him and start at once by boat, leaving Mr. Parsons to drive across with their household goods, as Erastus and Lucy had done.

The reception of this news had caused much pleasure to the young couple, who were both desirous of having their parents near them.

Lucy was especially anxious for the presence of her mother at this time, and hastened to reply, urging that they sell if they could get anything like a fair price, and that they come at once.

But when the determination of the railroad corporation to rob them of their own home became known to them, they felt it would be better for their parents not to sell, at least for the present; and Lucy again wrote, telling her parents of the difficulty they were in, and that if they had not sold, it might be better not to do so.

It was a hard thing to do, and the poor young wife had often to pause and wipe away the tears that blinded her eyes as she wrote of their troubles—thinking, too, of the sorrow it would bring to the hearts of the old people upon the mountain side.

She was expecting to become a mother soon, and all the sweet joy with which she had been looking forward to the coming of the babe had given place to a terrible fear of what the future might have in store for them all.

Erastus had not been loud in his threats, as had others. Indeed he had not threatened at all; but he was not a man of many words. And she had not forgotten how at the Suscol Ranch, when but a boy, he had taken her mother and Mrs. Ritchie with the children,

of which she was one, to a place of safety and then returned to defend the cottage with his life. And now the thought kept coming to her: "What if the company should actually attempt the eviction of the settlers and Erastus should again defend their home, and be killed?"

She tried to put the thought from her, but it kept coming back, each time with increasing strength, until it came almost to be a conviction. She knew, or thought she knew, that if efforts were made at an eviction, her husband would call upon his neighbors to defend their homes with their lives, and would set them the example.

It was a horrible thought. But it came and it clung to her; and though she tried hard not to make her letter to her parents be without a gleam of hope, she yet felt when it was written and sealed that she had failed, and was still further depressed by the thought of the effect it would have upon those to whom it was to be sent; and especially upon her father, who she knew would bear the blow even less stoutly than her mother.

Meantime the verbal sale of the mountain ranch had been concluded between Mr. and Mrs. Parsons and the gentleman of whom Mrs. Parsons had written.

They were to receive two thousand dollars cash down and to give immediate possession; and on the morning but one following that on which Lucy's second letter was mailed, John Parsons started to town with the deed made out and signed by his wife.

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The sky looked cloudy and threatening when he left home, but it could not do to fail of being at the appointed place on time, and he kissed his crippled boy and his wife and left in good spirits, promising to be back by dark.

On reaching town he put out his horse, saw that he was properly fed, and then started for the court-house.

On his way there he had to pass the post-office, and, stopping to inquire if there was any mail for him, was handed Lucy's letter to her mother.

He recognized the post mark and opened it at once—not a common proceeding with him, for his eyes were no longer good, and even when letters came addressed to himself instead of his wife, he usually preferred to wait until he got home and then have her read them aloud while he ate supper or smoked his pipe and rested.

But now something impressed him with the thought that he had better open the letter. He had a feeling that perhaps all was not right at the Slough.

Perhaps it was because it had been only a few days since they had received a letter from there, and so were not expecting another so soon.

Tearing open the envelope he began to read, but had not proceeded far before his hand trembled so that he could not hold the paper still enough to see the

letters, and he folded it up and put it into his pocket.

He had read enough, however, to understand what had befallen his children.

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The thought that the cottage on the mountain side was still theirs, and would afford an asylum for the children, had come to him, and he was hastening to tell the would-be purchaser that under the circumstances they could not let him have the place.

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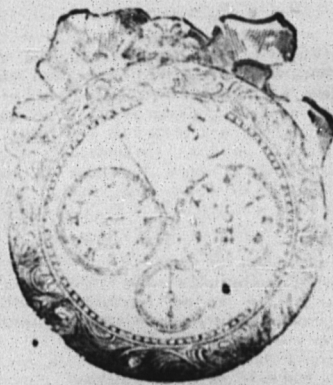
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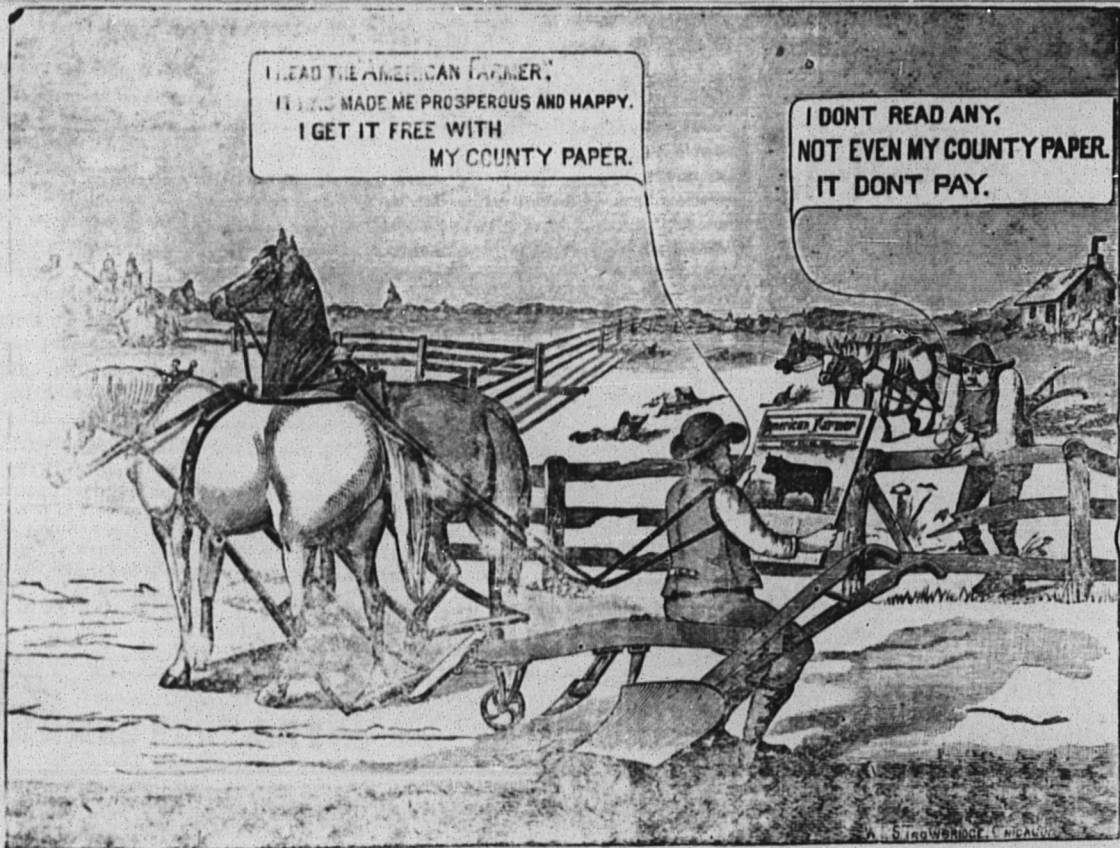
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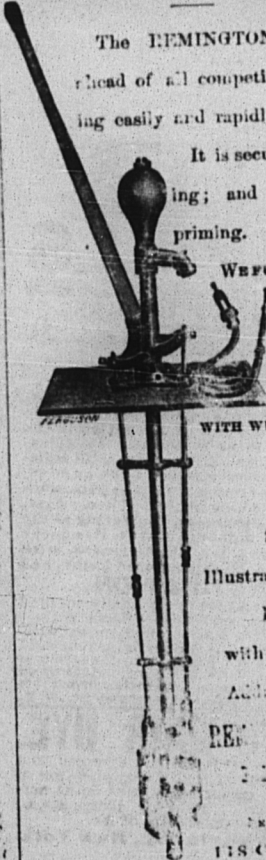
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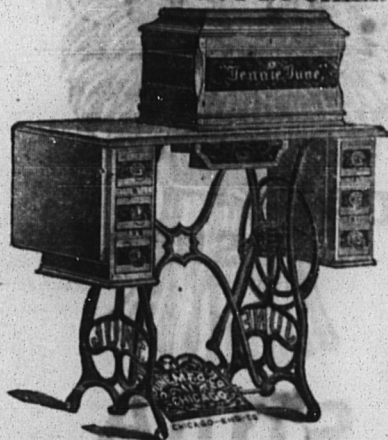
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